

PATENT CLAIMS

1. Switching of a communications unit (14) to the softphone (15) of a PC via an electrical connection, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that a control unit (9) is coupled between the communications unit (14) and the softphone (15),
5 said control unit being adapted to transfer commands to the softphone (15), both when the PC is coupled in normal position and when the PC is coupled in security position.
- 10 2. Switching according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the control unit (9) is connected to the softphone via a USB gate (6), while the communications unit (14) is connected by a wire (12) to the control unit (9).
- 15 3. Switching according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the control unit (9) is connected wirelessly, e.g. by a short range Bluetooth connection, to the softphone and the communications unit (14).
- 20 4. Switching according to claims 1 – 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the control unit (9) has a plurality of setting buttons (10), e.g. three.
- 25 5. Switching according to claims 1 – 3, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the PC, when blocked for use by the security setting, is open for the reception of a limited number of commands from the control unit (9) to the softphone (15).
- 30 6. Switching according to claims 1 – 4, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the control unit (9) comprises a sound card.
7. Switching according to claims 1 – 6, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the communications unit (14) is formed by a passive headset consisting of a microphone and a speaker.

8. Switching according to claims 1 – 6, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the communications unit (14) is formed by an active headset with its own power supply and control buttons.

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9. Switching according to claim 8, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the headset is powered from the USB gate (6) via the control unit (9) for the charging of the headset.